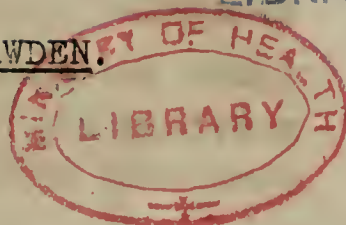


THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF TRAWDEN.

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HEALTH COMMITTEE.

YEAR 1939.



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Sanitary Inspector - J. H. Tatham.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration the Annual Report on the health of Trawden for the year 1939.

As I was appointed your Medical Officer of Health in October, 1939, the activities of the department occurred chiefly during Dr. Alexander's period of office.

Unfortunately the war has seriously curtailed the activities of the Health Department. Nevertheless, out of so much evil, a little good has resulted, i.e. the centralization of slaughtering.

On the instructions of the Ministry of Health, much has had to be left out of the report.

I wish to thank the officials of the Council for their help in compiling the report.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant.

R. E. ROBINSON.

GENERAL.

Again the number of cases of acute infectious diseases notified has been small. One case of Pneumonia, one case of Puerperal pyrexia and one case of Erysipelas were notified.

There was no deaths from Tuberculosis.

This year the Birth-rate stands at the low figure of 8.3. Last year the corresponding figure was 10.8.

The Death-rate is 16.8, which is .3 higher than last year.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	6,815
Population - Census 1931	2,549
Estimated 1939	2,271
Number of inhabited houses - Census 1931 ...	807
do. do do 1939 (according to Rate Book)	812
Rateable Value	£9,777
Sum represented by a penny Rate	£37

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1939 (Registrar General's Official Returns).

ALL Causes - Males 15, Females 23.

Cause of Death	Males	Females
Appendicitis	0	0
Influenza	0	0
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	0	0
Other Tuberculosis	0	0
Cancer - Malignant Disease ...	0	3
Cerebral Hæmorrhage	0	0
Heart Disease	4	8
Other Circulatory Diseases ...	4	0
Pneumonia (all forms)	1	0
Bronchitis	1	3
Other Respiratory Diseases ...	0	0
Acute and Chronic Nephritis ...	2	2
Other Diseases of Liver, etc ...	0	1
Congenital Debility; Premature Birth Malformation ...	0	0
Selinity	2	1
Suicide... ..	0	1
Deaths from Violence	0	1
Other Defined Diseases	1	2
Diarrhoea (under two years ...	0	0
Diabetes	0	0
Peptic Ulcer	0	0
Other Puerperal Diseases	0	1

			M	F
	(Total	...	0	0
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	(Legitimate	...	0	0
	(Illegitimate		0	0
	(Total	...	7	12
Live Births	(Legitimate	...	6	11
	(Illegitimate		1	1
	(Total	...	1	0
Still Births	(Legitimate	...	1	0
	(Illegitimate		0	0

PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

SMALL POX. - Crown Point Hospital, Burnley. (Controlled by the Burnley Joint Hospital Board).

INFECTIOUS DISEASES. - The Marsden Road Sanatorium, Burnley (Controlled by the Burnley Joint Hospital Board, of which the Council is now a constituent Member.

GENERAL. - The Hartley Hospital, Colne, 12 Male and 16 Female beds.

TUBERCULOSIS. - Sanatoria provided by the Lancashire C.C.

MATERNITY. - The Lancashire C.C. have arranged for Trawden patients to be admitted to the Christiana Hartley Maternity Home, Barrowford Road, Colne.

VENEREAL DISEASES. - The Lancashire C.C. have arranged for necessary treatment to be given at the Victoria Hospital, Burnley.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES - The Burnley Joint Hospital Board's Motor Ambulance.

FOR ACCIDENTS AND NON-INFECTIOUS DISEASES - The St. John Motor Ambulance.

FOR MATERNITY PATIENTS - The St. John Motor Ambulance and Motor Cars, privately arranged for by the patients.

These arrangements appear to work very satisfactorily.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE. - A Clinic staffed by the Lancashire C.C. is held in the Skipton Road Methodist Schoolroom every alternate Wednesday, 2-4p.m.

No other clinics are held in Trawden, but residents may attend the following, under arrangements made by the County Authorities.

TUBERCULOSIS. - At Carr Road, Nelson.

ORTHOPAEDIC. - At Carr Road, Nelson (under 14 years of age).

VENEREAL DISEASES. - Victoria Hospital Burnley.

Mr A. Callam, F.R.C.S., of Burnley, acts as consultant under the Puerperal Pyrexia Regulations.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE. - The Public Health Act, 1936.

STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT. - Consists of a Medical Officer of Health (part time), and a Sanitary Inspector. The latter is also your Surveyor and Water Manager, etc.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING.- There are no arrangements for home nursing of infectious diseases; but, under the Hartley Hospital Scheme, the services of the District Nurses are available for general nursing; and, under the Lancashire C.C. scheme two midwives serve in the district.

THE SUPPLY OF FOOD AND MILK for expectant and nursing Mothers and Milk for Infants is arranged by the County Authorities.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY. - The water is obtained from springs and a boring in Boulsworth Hill, and is conveyed by pipe direct to the houses. It is of constant supply and the water is of excellent quality; 700 houses and 83 other premises being supplied.

POLLUTION OF RIVERS AND STREAMS. - These powers are under the Joint Board for the District.

TREATMENT OF SEWAGE. - All sewage treated at the works of the Colne Corporation.

CLOSET ACCOMODATION AT END OF 1939 :-

Privy middens :- No. of middens, none.

No. of closets attached to these middens, none.

No. of pail closets, 252.

No. of dry ashpits, 229.

No. of movable ashbins, 424.

No. of houses on water carriage system, 475.

No. of fresh water closets, 332.

no. of waste water closets, 218.

CONVERSIONS;-

	During year		During five years 1934-38.			
	1939	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938
(To fresh W.C.s	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
No of Privy closets(To waste W.C.s	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
(To pails, etc.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
No. of pail closets(To fresh W.C.s	6	2	4	1	3	6
(To waste W.C.s	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
No of Waste W.C.s to fresh W.C.s	1	1	0	3	1	3
No. of houses at which movable ashbins have been substituted for fixed receptacles.	10	6	2	8	6	10

SCAVENGING is done by contract. House refuse is deposited in a disused quarry, whilst night soil is deposited into the Sewer.

SANITARY INSPECTION DURING 1939.

Number of premises visited 12.
do do defects or nuisances discovered 3.
Number abated by informal notice 3.
Number of notices served Informal 3.
Statutory Nil.
No legal proceedings were necessary.
No action was taken with regard to smoke abatement.
Eradication of bed bugs:- There are no infested premises.
There are no offensive trades in the district.
There are no common lodging-houses, houses-let-in lodgings, tents, vans or sheds, canal boats or underground sleeping rooms.

Workshops and workplaces were found to be in a very satisfactory condition.

The children are educated and cared for at the Council School under ideal conditions. The sanitary condition and water supply of the school are good. The medical inspection of the children is undertaken by the County Authorities.

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

- a. Total including numbers given separately under b. Nil.
(i) By the Local Authority Nil.
(ii) By other Local Authorities Nil.
(iii) By other bodies and persons Nil.

b. With state assistance under the Housing Act:-

- (i) By the Local Authority Nil.
(ii) By other bodies or persons Nil.

1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year:-

No housing inspections made owing to war conditions.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY. - No action was taken during the past year with regard to the administration of the various Acts and Orders.

There is one producer of designated milk.

Cowsheds and Milkshops are inspected periodically and their condition is not satisfactory.

Number of Dairy Farms	...	...	...	52.
Approximate number of Cows	...	...	...	500.
Number of Cowkeepers	...	...	...	52.
do on Register	...	...	...	39.
do of Inspections during year	...	...	...	Nil.
do of Milk Purveyors (not cowkeepers)	...	...	...	Nil.
do do do on Register	...	...	...	Nil.

No action was taken re tuberculosis milk and no samples were bacteriologically examined.

MEAT, etc. - Butchers have a standard notice for slaughter.

PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES. - Number registered, Nil.
Number licensed, 3.

BAKEHOUSES. - Five exist and are in good condition.

ADULTERATION. - Inspections under the Food and Drugs Acts are performed by the County Constabulary:- No samples were taken in Trawden during the year.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Three cases of Infectious Disease occurred during the year. Bacteriological Examinations are made at the Public Health Laboratory, Burnley.

Specimens examined were:- *NIL*.

DISINFECTION. - One house was disinfected by means of fumigators.

No articles were disinfected at the Refuse Destructor Works, Colne.

TUBERCULOSIS. - One case of the Pulmonary type and one case of the Non-Pulmonary type were notified.

No action was taken under the P.H. (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925, or P.H.A. 1925 Section 62.

No cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum occurred.

Council Offices,
Trawden Forest,
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March, 1941.